GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL AND GAS FIELDS IN GODAVARI BASIN
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has made any effort to find new oil and gas fields in south of the existing Godavari Basin and the East Coast of the country;

(b) if so, whether any initial surveys have shown good prospects;

(c) if so, whether any areas have been identified in this off-shore region for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c)& (d): Three new prospects in the shallow water and two new prospects in the deep water offshore sectors have been identified by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC)Recently, 3D seismic surveys have also been carried out by ONGC over the identified deep water prospects. In shallow water sector also, 2D Teleseis surveys have been carried out. Based on the results of the data acquired exploratory drilling will be undertaken over these prospects.